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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY AND CANADIAN AMENDMENT
OF EWG REPORT ON LTDP

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REFS: (A) USNATO 4220 (DTG 251820Z APR 78),
(B) USNATO 4143 (DTG 221550Z APR 78), (C) USNATO 4079
(DTG 201838Z APR 78), (D) STATE 101661 (DTG 210116Z APR 78),
(E) STATE 67194 (DTG 160042Z MAR 78), (F) USNATO 2832
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1. AS DESCRIBED REF B, THE CANADIANS HAVE INSERTED THEIR
PROPOSED LANGUAGE (REF C) ON THE EAST-WEST STUDY INTO
DRAFT EWG REPORT ON LTDP. LANGUAGE IS BRACKETED AND
IDENTIFIED AS CANADIAN TEXT. EWG IS TO MEET AGAIN MAY 2
TO CONSIDER UNAGREED PORTIONS OF REPORT BEFORE DPC TAKES
IT UP ON MAY 8. CANADIAN AMENDMENT WILL THEREFORE ALMOST
CERTAINLY BE DISCUSSED DURING MAY 2 MEETING.

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2. INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) TELLS US THEY ARE UNHAPPY WITH
CANADIAN DRAFT BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IT TO BE TOO DEFENSIVE
(REFLECTING CANADIAN CONCERN ABOUT SSOD). WE AGREE.
FOLLOWING MAY 2, THE IS INTENDS TO CIRCULATE ITS OWN
SHORTER DRAFT, PRESUMABLY FOR DPC CONSIDERATION, AND TO
REITERATE PETRIGNANI'S PROPOSAL (REF B) THAT ANY REFERENCE
TO THE EAST-WEST STUDY BE IN FORM OF COVER NOTE RATHER

THAN IN BODY OF REPORT. THE IS POINTS OUT, AND AGAIN WE
AGREE, THAT SUBSTANCE OF LANGUAGE ON STUDY IS MORE
IMPORTANT THAN ITS LOCATION,ALTHOUGH COVER NOTE IS PREFERRED

3. CANADIANS ARE SUFFICIENTLY EXERCISED OVER THIS ISSUE
THAT WE SEE LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF AVOIDING SOME REFERENCE
TO THE EAST-WEST STUDY IN THE LTDP REPORT OR AS A COVER
NOTE EVEN IF PART III OF THE STUDY FINALLY EMERGES AS
"SATISFACTORY" TO OTTAWA (REF F). HOWEVER, WE WANT TO MAKE
SURE THE SUBSTANCE IS ACCEPTABLE, BELIEVE WE SHOULD AWAIT
IS DRAFT, AND SHOULD CARRY ON SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION IN
DPC RATHER THAN EWG. ACCORDINGLY IN MAY 2 EWG MEETING AND
BASED ON EXISTING GUIDANCE (REFS D AND E) WE INTEND TO TAKE
THE FOLLOWING LINE:

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(A) WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT CANADIAN DRAFT OR IN FACT
ANY DRAFT TODAY SINCE ANY DRAFT WOULD PRESUPPOSE CONCLUSIONS
PART III OF THE STUDY HAS YET TO REACH. THE SPC IS MEETING
THIS AFTERNOON (MAY 2) ON PART III ON AN INSTRUCTED BASIS
AND WE WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO SEE THE DIRECTION THAT ALLIED
CONSENSUS WILL TAKE ON PART III AFTER THIS MEETING.
ACCORDINGLY, WE SEE NO NEED FOR FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE DIS-
CUSSION TODAY.

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(B) WE BELIEVE IN ANY CASE THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE MORE
APPROPRIATELY DISCUSSED AT THE DPC LEVEL, DURING THE
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MEETING SCHEDULED ON MAY 8 ON THE LTDP.

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(C) WE CAN SUPPORT IDEA OF A COVER NOTE TO ESTABLISH THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STUDY AND THE LTDP, AS PROPOSED
BY D/SYG PETRIGNANI ON APRIL 27 AND AMBASSADOR SVART
DURING THE PRIVATE PERMREPS MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT ON
MARCH 16.

4. IF WASHINGTON HAS ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS, WE
WILL NEED THEM BY OOB MAY 2. BENNETT

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